

ARMY Y. M. C. A. AND ITS VALUE

Eulogy of Its Relations to the Farmer Boy as Told by Robert S. Walker.

A splendid tribute to the war work of the Y. M. C. A. is a lengthy article written by Robert Sparks Walker in the Southern Fruit Grower, of which he is editor.

The article is illustrated with pictures showing that the Y. M. C. A. reaches every spot where the army goes. One is of a Y. M. C. A. hut in a desert in the holy land; another is of a complete Y. M. C. A. on wheels and follows the army wherever it goes, ready for service at a moment's notice.

A portable Y. M. C. A. kitchen, which follows the army at the front, is another picture.

Since the public has heard much about the camouflage of late, an illustration is given where a camouflage is used to obscure a Y. M. C. A. hut from the sight of the enemy airplanes.

Mr. Walker says that the taking of young men from both country and city into the national army will go a long way towards unifying the interest of both country and city. In speaking of the attitude of the farmer boy towards the Y. M. C. A., the writer says:

"I can well remember when a young man on the farm, myself, of reading occasional articles of the activities of various Y. M. C. A.'s, but they never appealed to me deeply. I felt that this was an institution founded for the exclusive benefit of the young man living in the city, and why should it interest me? I know that within the last ten years conditions have changed."

Country life has been blended with city life, and one of the great agencies that has done the work is the automobile. But after all I know that there are many residents of the rural districts who are not keenly interested in the Y. M. C. A. This lack of interest is not due to any dislike or objection to the management and purpose of the Y. M. C. A., but the thing that fails to touch one's own life, or the lives of the members of his own family, naturally are not often thought of."

In speaking of the temptations and the loneliness lurking around young men in the army during their idle moments, he says:

"I have met young soldiers on the streets in our cities during the last six months from the four corners of the United States, and they invariably have told me they were getting along well, but they were lonely. This is natural, because the life they have chosen is so radically different from that which they have been accustomed to that it will require months for them to adapt themselves to it."

He then presents the cheerful side through the work the Y. M. C. A. is doing and gives the following excerpts from some of the Sammie's letters:

"It is not hard for the soldier to arise in the early morning, drill and march all day, until his limbs are weary," says a farmer boy from a western state, "but to bear up under depressing solitude when thoughts of home and loved ones drive the tears to the eyes and the sobs to the throat, that is the hard part of the soldier's life. There are no sad moments when the Y. M. C. A. men are on the job."

Is gotten up by the Y. M. C. A., writes one "Sammy" in France to his mother, "Mother, you can't realize how much good the Y. M. C. A. is doing over here. I really think it is the greatest organization of its kind in the world. What a comfort it is to the men, for they are supplied with plenty to read and games of all kinds. It also secures some of the best talent the

SOCIAL CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY.
Chattanooga Expression club to hold reception at one of Mrs. C. A. Ford.
Meeting of Lady Macabees at Keystone Lodge hall.
Meeting of National League for Woman's Service.
Meeting of Vine Street Orphanage association with Mrs. Francis Martin.
M. B. Club to meet with Mrs. Fletcher Bacon.
Meeting of Parent-Teachers' association of Jefferson street school.

THURSDAY.
Regular monthly meeting of Chattanooga W. C. T. U. at Frances Willard.
Meeting of Best Way circle with Mrs. C. C. Ellis.
Recital by Henry Lawrnce Southwick at courthouse auditorium.

FRIDAY.
Meeting of St. Elmo Red Cross and Knitting circle.
Meeting of North Chattanooga Service League.

SATURDAY.
Meeting of Sunday School Union.
Meeting of Judge Howell Tatum society, C. A. R., with Miss Elizabeth Hope.
First of series of benefit dances by C. A. R. at Hotel Patten.

SUNDAY.
Community singing at the courthouse.

country affords, which makes time pass very delightfully, considering everything. So you can't sing my praises at home too loudly in behalf of the good old Y. M. C. A."

The article closes with the following conclusion concerning the farm boy and the army Y. M. C. A.:

"So the American farmer today will never again think of the Y. M. C. A. as another man's institution, for it has already carried its work so that it has touched and is touching the very heart of his home. It has become a farmer's institution and is paying him the greatest dividends that is possible in this world, and that is the saving of the soul of his son who goes on the front."

Mrs. W. B. Cleage will be hostess of the Thursday Bridge club this week.

Mrs. J. C. Ryan is entertaining the Wednesday Bridge club this afternoon at her home in Highland Park.

The Mutual Benefit club is meeting this afternoon with Mrs. Fletcher Bacon in North Chattanooga.

MRS. GUTHRIE HOSTESS TO MERRIAM S. S. CLASS

Mrs. Lillie Guthrie was hostess to a class meeting of the Merriam Sunday school class of the First Baptist church Tuesday in her apartment in the White. A social time was spent and plans discussed for some specific work of the class. A salad course was served with hot chocolate and cake.

Mrs. Guthrie was assisted by her daughter, Miss Emma Guthrie.

UNIVERSITY OPENS MONDAY AFTER HOLIDAY RECESS

The University of Chattanooga has formed a debating league with Vanderbilt and Sewanee for this year. The first round of the debate will be held on the subject of the future of the university. A spirit of Christmas joyousness prevailed and many good wishes for the season were exchanged.

The university will open Monday.

Mrs. Fred W. Hixson entertained with a beautifully appointed party during the holidays with her family and students of the university. A spirit of Christmas joyousness prevailed and many good wishes for the season were exchanged.

A distribution of fruit to soldiers in the base hospital at Fort Oglethorpe will be made Thursday by the godmothers. It is desired by the society that donations be made by the faculty and friends of the organization, who are respectfully asked to leave the fruit at headquarters. The godmothers will go to the army post at 2 o'clock and all are asked to make the contributions before that time.

HOGAN-DAVIS WEDDING SOLEMNIZED IN JASPER

Jasper, Jan. 2.—A pretty home wedding was solemnized Dec. 29 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Davis when their eldest daughter,

Frankie Davis, became the bride of C. V. Hogan. The ceremony was performed at 2:30 in the afternoon.

The bride is one of Marion's most successful schoolteachers, and Mr. Hogan is an extensive farmer from the south side.

The bride wore a navy blue poplin coat and fur-trimmed hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Hogan left immediately for the south side, where they will reside.

WILL MAKE FIFTY PAIRS BED SHOES FOR SOLDIERS

An all-day meeting of the St. Elmo Red Cross and Knitting circle will be held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning at the South St. Elmo schoolhouse, when the circle will begin the execution of an urgent order for fifty pairs of bed shoes for war hospitals.

The circle, which secured 182 members during the recent membership campaign, hopes to grow to 200.

Mrs. J. D. Hartford, the president, who has returned from an extended visit, will be in charge of the meeting.

CLOTHING NEEDED FOR COUNTRY PEOPLE

C. B. Russell, county probate officer, says he has a great many calls for clothing from the rural districts, the severe weather falling hard upon the country people who are not prepared for it.

Any one having clothing for children or adults to give can leave it at the office of the superintendent of schools, in the courthouse, for Mr. Russell.

The King's Daughters held their regular business meeting Tuesday with Mrs. K. M. Marshall. The session was devoted to the transaction of routine business.

Glen Martin circle will meet Friday week instead of the present week, with Mrs. F. B. Martin.

RIDGEDALE RED CROSS HOLDS MEETING

The first regular meeting of the Red Cross auxiliary of Ridgedale was held yesterday afternoon at the K. of P. hall. Mrs. H. C. Warwick, president, presided.

Material for hospital garments was given out to the various members, which they will make and return at the next regular meeting. Yarn for ten sweaters was also distributed.

During the recent Red Cross drive 253 members were secured.

MISS ATKINS ENTERTAINS

Miss Candis Atkins entertained the members of the younger set New Year's evening. Music and games were enjoyed, after which an ice course was served. Those present were:

Misses—Kathleen Donnelly, Heather Bridgeman, Louise Pearson, Kate Donnelly, Robbie Patten, Note Moore, Anne Belle Collins, Cleo Carter, Mary Wallace, Ruth Wallace.

Messrs.—Homer Fowler, Willard Moore, Joe McSpadden, Roy Donnell, Edgar Smith, Henry Curtis, Hope Smith, Paul Gillespie, Arnold Bridgeman, Halden Campbell.

A meeting of the Current Topic circle will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 with Mrs. R. A. Clifford, on East Terrace.

MISS ERA CARD ENTERTAINS FOR VISITORS

Miss Era Card entertained Tuesday evening at her home on Highland Park avenue, complimenting her guests, Miss Sue Nichols, of Cleburne, Tex., and Miss Mabel Hartung, of Albany, Ala.

Dancing was enjoyed during the evening. An ice course was served. The guests numbered twenty.

North Chattanooga section of King's Daughters, of First Christian church, will hold their regular meeting at the church Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. H. E. Sanderson will entertain the Ladies Aid society of St. Elmo Presbyterian church at her home, Wednesday afternoon.

A meeting of the North St. Elmo Parent-Teachers' association will be held Friday week at the schoolhouse.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hebrew Ladies Aid association will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30, at the home of Mrs. Harriet Frank, 408 Poplar street.

Judge Howell Tatum society, Children of the American Revolution, will hold the first of their series of benefit dances Saturday at Hotel Patten.

SOCIETY PERSONALS

Mrs. Homer Cogdell left Tuesday evening for Arkansas, where she will join Lieut. Cogdell, who is stationed at Camp Pike.

Miss Bertha Shugart has returned to Martha Washington college after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Shugart.

Lieut. Matt Smartt has returned to Columbia, S. C.

Judge and Mrs. Nathan Bachman have returned from Walden's ridge, where they have been spending several days.

Miss Ellen Converse will return today to the University of Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Love and little son Aubrey, of Pittsburgh, are visiting Mrs. Love's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Atchley. Mrs. Love will be remembered as Miss Vivian Atchley.

Miss Evadna Thatcher will return to Martha Washington college this week after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Thatcher.

Miss Mary Holwood returned Tuesday from Washington.

Dr. Ben H. Brown, Jr., left Sunday for Augusta, Ga., where he has accepted a position as bacteriologist and manager for the Georgia & Carol-

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stay with Miss Few at the home of Dr. James Atlee and Miss Sarah Atlee.

Mrs. John Rigby and Miss Frances Atlee, of Atlanta, returned home Tuesday after a visit to Miss Sarah Atlee.

Lieut. Creed F. Bates, Jr., of Camp Gordon, spent New Year's day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bates.

Miss Celeste Acheson will leave the last of the week for Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Harry Atlee will go to South Pittsburg to spend the week-end.

W. T. Alexander is home from South Carolina for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Prothro and Mr. and Mrs. Nance, of Ludlow, Ky., who attended the funeral of Miss Jeanie Lynn Krichbaum, have returned home.

Miss Louise Mountcastle left today for Asheville, N. C.

Miss Edith Stickney will leave Jan. 7 for Vassar, and Miss Emily Stuckney for Burnham.

Mrs. T. C. Kaveney and daughter, Miss Mary Kaveney, of Knoxville, have returned, after a visit to Mrs. A. C. Converse and Mrs. W. C. Shelton.

Miss Della Bruce has returned to Nashville, after a holiday visit to Miss Anna Bruce Dean on Oak street.

Courtney Twyman and Edwin Rose left Tuesday for the University of Pennsylvania, after spending the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Linn have returned to Atlanta, after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Linn on Wyatt street.

James B. Cole, of the class of 1917 of the University of Chattanooga, has passed examination for admission to the aviation school and will report immediately.

Lieut. Earl P. Carter, of the University of Chattanooga, was in the city for Christmas from Columbia, S. C.

Lieut. Carter received the commission of second lieutenant at the Port Oglethorpe training camp and has since been promoted to first lieutenant. His friends feel that the promotion is well deserved.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Burnette and children, of Ruoff's addition, are with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ruoff, on West Sixth street, for a holiday visit.

E. W. Thuler has returned to Camp Sevier, after a five days' furlough spent with the homefolks at Red Bank.

Clay Wilkes has returned from a visit to Atlanta.

Mrs. Pope Shepherd has been ill for a week with the grip.

Miss Caroline Pound is here from Macon, spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pound.

Fred J. Howard has returned from Hattiesburg, Miss.

Lieut. Will McAllister, who is at home for the holidays, has been transferred from Camp Gordon to El Paso, Tex.

Misses Agnes and Elizabeth Morrison, of Nashville, are visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cartwright have returned from an extended wedding trip to Florida and other southern states.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Oehmig and two sons, of Cincinnati, are with Mr. Oehmig's parents on East Fifth street and will shortly move into the Harry Oimsted home at Riverview, having come here to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Welr, who are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Welr, will leave about Jan. 13 for Dayton, Ohio, where they will visit Mrs. Welr's sister, Mrs. Kuebler, for two weeks before leaving for their future home in Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Miss Minnie Conley, of Manchester, is visiting Miss Willie Watson, at her home on McCallie avenue.

J. H. Watson has returned to St. Louis after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watson.

Mrs. James Hartford has returned from Nashville.

Mrs. George Scholze is reported slightly ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Carter and children spent the holidays with their parents in Dalton, Ga.

Miss Lena Fritts will return to Nashville Saturday.

Frank W. Few has returned to Philadelphia after a visit with his sister, Miss Eleanor Few, at Minneapolis.

Mrs. Few will remain for a longer son.

MANY SMALL CHILDREN FORCED TO WORK AND MISS SCHOOL

Hamilton County Is Entitled to \$4,000 Under Provisions of Mothers' Pension Bill, but as Yet Nothing Has Been Received.

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benefited by it, but what about Chattanooga and Hamilton county?

Here are a few of the cases:

No. 1.—Widow with six children, eldest a girl at work; next a boy of fourteen, bright and winsome; mother not strong, boy must give up school and help provide for four younger children.

No. 2.—Boy who had been in school and doing well; father stricken with paralysis and boy, although well advanced in the grammar school, had to give it up six weeks ago to help sustain four younger children.

No. 3.—Twin orphan girls, who had been living with grandparents; the grandfather died and the two girls had to go to work in a mill in the suburbs.

No. 4.—Widow with five children, who has struggled under the burden of supporting the family, has finally broken down and the oldest one, barely fourteen, has been compelled to go to work.

No. 5.—Only Saturday afternoon a 14-year-old son of a widow had to go to work; there were three younger children and one was afflicted so that it was necessary for the mother or one of the older children to be with him all the time.

No. 6.—When a little girl of fourteen from East Chattanooga appealed for a permit to go to work, she looked so frail and delicate that her case was looked into and it was found that her father had tuberculosis, the oldest boy had a desperate case of it and two members of the family were suffering from pellagra. They were given emergency aid.

These applicants have to go through a great deal of form or red tape to get certificates to go to work. Their case is investigated, their condition sworn to, a physical examination required before they can get the permit, and the superintendent is sure that it is necessary for the child to work before the permit is granted, but with these conditions existing and no financial assistance given these widowed mothers from their county, of what use is a compulsory school law?

The records in the office of County Court Clerk Charley Watson show that during the year 1917 there were issued 682 hunting licenses, which is a decrease over the preceding year. This is, of course, attributed to the war, as a number of well-known hunters have joined the colors and some of those that have not have been on account of conditions busy at home, having no time for outdoor sport. However, the year has been a good one for hunting, taking everything and all conditions into consideration.

Several well-known hunters and fishermen report that the bird and fish season this year has been unusually good, and some big game has been bagged, as well as some good catches made along the creek and river banks. The season for hunting ducks and quail has closed, ending Jan. 1, and all hunters who have enjoyed hunting this particular game have again hung up their trusty rifles. However, the season for hunting doves does not end until Jan. 15, and this sport can be enjoyed until that time.

Prefers Chamberlain's.

"In the course of a conversation with Chamberlain Medicine Co.'s representative today, we had occasion to discuss in a general way the merits of their different preparations. At his suggestion I take pleasure in expressing my estimation of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I have a family of six children and have used this remedy in my home for years. I consider it the only cough remedy on the market, as I have tried nearly all kinds."—Earl C. Ross, Publisher Hamilton County Republican-News, Syracuse, Kan.—(Adv.)

WEDDING IN LOUISIANA OF INTEREST IN ALABAMA

Scottsboro, Ala., Jan. 2.—News has been received here of the marriage of Miss Dorothy Caldwell to C. C. Huffman, the wedding taking place on Christmas day at Shreveport, La.

Mrs. Huffman is the popular and attractive daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Caldwell, of this city, and was engaged in teaching in south Alabama before her marriage.

Mr. Huffman is a young man of sterling qualities and has a position with the government at San Antonio, Tex.

SHIPPED WHISKY IN BARRELS AS VEGETABLES

Chattanooga Is Implicated in Conspiracy to Violate the Bone-Dry Law.

A dispatch from Lexington, Ky., states that N. McLean, a mattress manufacturer of Knoxville, Tenn., has been held to the federal grand jury by Commissioner Joseph A. Craft, of Louisville, charged with being implicated in a conspiracy to ship twenty-six barrels of whisky, disguised as pears, apples and onions, in violation of the Reed bone-dry law. A warrant is also outstanding for Max Moyases, of Chattanooga, who is charged with the same offense. Federal officials, says the Lexington dispatch, have been unable to locate Mr. Moyases after an investigation by the department of justice agent, R. P. Hudson. The shipment was seized by deputies under an internal revenue agent on Dec. 5, and McLean's arrest followed.

The Lexington dispatch states that McLean was in Louisville in the interest of Moyases to ship the liquor to Knoxville. After investigation McLean's bond was fixed at \$3,000.

D. K. Lincoln, secretary and treasurer of the Dixon Springs Distillery company, testified to selling Moyases quantities of liquor similar to the brands and quantities found in the barrels. George Baynes testified to having hauled some produce from a produce concern on Jefferson street and some empty bottles to 1422 West Main street, where the whisky is alleged to have been prepared.

The Broderick A. D. Out address was rented to the men by Lincoln, he said. The whisky sold by Lincoln, it is alleged, was first taken to a place on West Broadway and later transferred to the Main street address in Louisville.